

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of November 18, 2014
Date: November 12, 2014

Item 2, Goodhue Blvd. monument:

Brayden McLaughlin of the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) has asked to met again with the Commission regarding a monument/precinct marker for the south end of Goodhue Blvd. near A Street, which he introduced in September. As a reminder, the Capitol Environ Design Standards state:

Design Standard 3: Memorials and Monuments

Installation of monuments and memorials should be based on the symbolic program established at the Capitol. Therefore no memorials should be added to the Capitol grounds. The Capitol itself is a memorial and has integral memorial spaces (the Nebraska Hall of Fame and Memorial Hall). Memorials may be considered for addition to the Malls, within their overall design guidelines, assigning memorials of statewide or national significance to Centennial Mall, and individual memorials to the other malls.

Guideline 3.1:

Addition of memorials and monuments facing Capitol Square (outside the Capitol grounds) and on the Malls will be evaluated within the same guidelines as other improvements such as buildings and landscape features, stressing compatibility with setting, high-quality design, and appropriate materials.

Despite Goodhue's national significance, which could be recognized on Centennial Mall, the concept of identifying the source of the Boulevard's name and providing information about him there seems highly appropriate. I have not received any updated information about the NSNA's proposal.

Item 3, Annual Report:

Following our November meeting, I will complete the draft report, including information from a December meeting if necessary. I will also ask Stacey Hageman to improve the graphic presentation. Suggestions on content or presentation from the Commission are welcome.

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